



Two Dollars a year, in advance.  
Massillon, Wednesday, January 22.

Among the doings of congress on the 16th inst. was the introduction of a proposition to require the prepayment of postage on newspapers. They had better do away with the franking nuisance, and the mails would have less useless lumber to carry.

Years ago Frank Blair traveled on solid ground in the Missouri legislature to the United States senate, but the other day, in trying for a re-election he got into a bog, as one bog beat him for that place. The country can stand it if Frank B. can. Illinois will elect Gov. Ogleby, in place of Turnbull, to the senate. Pennsylvania returns S. Cameron and New York will return Mr. Conkling to the same place.

Not long since the Chicago council perverted the Sunday liquor laws in favor of the grogsellers, but mayor Bell refused to sanction the measure unless the people ratified it by vote. We concluded then that the liquorites would lose, and so stated a week or two ago, as is almost always the case, when questions of that sort are left to the people. And so it has turned out, as we understood aight the last news from Chicago, on that subject. By how large a majority the vote was carried is not stated, but the result is, the grogsites were beaten.

At Wooster the democracy, or the ghost thereof, have annually for several years celebrated the 8th of January in honor of Gen. Jackson's memory. Every year the performance is coming to be more and more of a task, and this time it is put down as a failure, at least as an observance of any political significance. The Republican makes it a subject of ridicule and merriment, and the Cincinnati Commercial characterized it as a democratic wake. If a wake it has scarcely the corpse of a party over which to ventitate its soulities.

Mrs. Porter, the worse than widowed woman, near Columbiana, whose husband recently so inhumanly murdered their two little innocent children, as is alleged, when intoxicated, the papers inform us, has prosecuted two of the grogsellers of Leetonia, placing the damages in each case at \$5,000. If they can get off as cheaply as that they will be fortunate, for they—like hundreds of their craft—are accessory to the murder of these children, and beside are responsible for the loss of a man to his family and to community. But we are told it is all right; money can be made by liquor selling, and that covers a multitude of sins.

Credit Mobilier are two big words that occupy prominent places in many of the newspapers these days. If we understand the phrase it means something about congressmen and others taking railroad stock. Some of these members are charged with speculating in these stocks at the expense of the government; and it is claimed that the Union Pacific railroad, or its managers, owe the government millions of dollars for money advanced to complete the work—that some men have become rich in consequence of their connection therewith. For mouths leading newspapers have been publishing reports, stories, statements, developments, or whatever they may be called, on this weighty subject, so that if all that has been promulgated by the press to the world about it, there would be reading material enough to fill hundreds of volumes. Now, if anybody is guilty of basality in these transactions let them be exposed and punished. Something is not right or there would not be so much fuss about it.

The dailies of last Friday or Saturday informed us that a hotel was burned at Alliance one day last week, one calling it the St. James, another the St. Charles—property of one Sowbbeck—loss \$7000—insured for \$6000 in the Columbian mutual—but the Alliance papers say nothing about it, yet it may be so. Up to Monday we were in the dark about particulars.

Edward Lytton Bulwer, a distinguished English writer of works of fiction, died last Friday, at his home, aged 68 years.

Congress is seriously considering the propriety of reducing letter postage to 2 cents instead of 3 per half ounce. This brings that body down on the franking privilege—as it ought to—and they are trying to make newspapers pay postage in the counties where printed. That part is hazardous.

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Liquor sellers and their friends have long been telling the world that all temperance legislation tended to make their business better, and they affected to gloat over the idea as if it was all done for their benefit. No matter what sort of a law was enacted for the protection of people against this general destroyer, it brought grists to their mill. Even the Maine laws were claimed as special favorites in their behalf, and they pretend to rejoice that such enactments were sources of profit to them, while hundreds of them were fined, imprisoned, and their sinks of iniquity were dried up by the enforcement of such laws. And notably grogsellers and grogdrinkers are multiplying such ideas that all temperance enactments insure to their benefit, but not a few of the newspapers and some of the politicians join in diffusing such impressions among people who have not the means of knowing better.

Suppose we concede all they ask, that every species of temperance legislation, from total prohibition down to mild legal restrictions, all favor the licensed trade, the pregnant question comes up in the face of all this, Why is it that this grog party is so anxious to do away those temperance laws? Men in any other business, if they find the laws help them, either directly or indirectly, don't ask or labor for their repeal—they are sufficiently wise to 'e well enough alone. Can't the grog party do the same thing? They might, but they don't. Legislation in our own state is proof on this point. The celebrated Adair law for a time was one of the cherished measures for grogselling, according to their theory, but when it began to be enforced against them, by fixing, putting them to prison, and shutting up their shops, then it was unconstitutional, and not that. Thus they were practically giving the lie to their professions, when they tried to make believe all this legislation was for their nefit. Last winter and the present session efforts have been made to so modify the Adair law as to make it an abortion but they have thus far been defeated. Lately the papers have been parading the decision of one judge Foutz, of Cuyahoga county, as measurably against the Adair law, but if that is all the protection they have they won't last much over it.

Last fall, during the congressional canvass in this district, Mr. Brown was charged by some parties with investing or proposing to invest \$25,000 by which to secure a place in congress. Whether the charge was true or false it is not the design to speculate upon at this time—that is of the past—let it be forgotten. But it sounded big in this part of the country for a man to even be charged with offering that sum of money to get to congress: yet in comparison to what is said to be going on elsewhere, in purchasing high political positions this sum is meager and contemptible. Some of the Credit Mobilier parties are charged with making much more than \$25,000 by their connection with railroad stocks, while senator Caldwell, of Kansas, is accused with paying \$250,000 to purchase a place in that body. These are allegations made against this man—whether true or false may be found out on investigation. If he or any other man is guilty of such corrupt doings let them suffer.

Senator Morton made a strong speech the other day in favor of choosing the president and vice president by direct vote of the people. It must come to that some day. And it has further been suggested that all state elections be held on the day of the presidential election—first Tuesday of November. Approved.

There seems to be no limit to the enterprise of the New York Herald. At an expense of many thousand dollars it gratified the reading world with finding Dr. Livingston. Another explorer was sent by the same paper to make discoveries at a celebrated ancient city of Europe, which proved a success. Last Saturday's Herald has an interesting chart giving a general idea of the weather bureau signals. What great enterprise it will next undertake we can't foreshadow—it will be something grand. No wonder the paper is a success.

Lately the president has made a very popular move to this effect. He has come to the conclusion if a man holds an office under the general government, that is enough for him—he has no business with holding any official position by authority of any state or county. Certainly his enemies can't find fault with such a course.

About these days there is such talk that the miners will soon be on a strike if the movement has not already begun. According to the Miner every effort has been made to compromise the differences between the employers and workers, but thus far without success. Should it take place the calamity will affect all parties, more or less. There is no real need for such things.

Between the Commercial and the Blade there is a lively controversy going on in regard to the water works improvement for Toledo. It seems they have a ring there, and the Blade party is greatly in favor of the Holly System, while the Commercial as earnestly opposes it. Columbus and pages of the papers are filled with discussions of the question, and at this distance it can't now be decided which party will prevail. The Commercial claims the Holly system to be a humbug and failure wherever tried—others take a different view.

ULMAN & PORTER offer for sale a dwelling house, pleasantly located in a city, containing 7 rooms, cellar, well, etc., barn, &c. Terms easy. Jan 22, 1873 499 t.

Would it not be a great convenience to certain parties who attend theatrical exhibitions, not only here but elsewhere, if, when the curtain falls, those customers who have to go out to take refreshment, there could be a barrel or so of the mirakus, as Dan McKeen used to call it, somewhere in the hall to assuage their thirst? It is no use for them to come back chewing cloves or other savory smelling spicery, for the rest of us know what they do. True, it would not look well to see a vessel of whisky in a theater, but certainly if one could be put in the hall somewhere it would save an immense amount of running out while the actors are shifting their scenes and toggery.

Last week was a busy time every night as the Opera House was occupied but Monday. Tuesday night Rip Van Winkle was on the boards, then the two following nights dancers, athletes, songsters, and all that, had rather limited audiences, but the present say the performances were lively and interesting. Friday and Saturday nights the famed Ravel pantomime troupe had pretty full houses, and as that sort of exhibition is new to most of our people it interested them considerably. Little was said, but a great variety of antics were acted, and sometimes a considerable presentations of funniness above the ankles were visible.

#### COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 15, '73. The council met in regular session and was called to order by the president.

Members present—Messrs. Folger, Gise, Oberlin, Warwick and Willingburg. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

Mr. Folger, from the street committee to whom was referred the subject matter of reporting a plan and cost for fitting up and furnishing the upper room in the city prison building for a chamber for the city council and an office for the mayor, submitted a partial report, accompanied by the following resolution which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That on or before the first day of April next ensuing, the city of Massillon will surrender possession of the premises now in its occupancy, and by it used as an office for the mayor and place of meeting for the city council, to the owner thereof, and that said council and mayor will thereafter occupy the unoccupied rooms in the city prison building as an office for the Mayor and a place of meeting for the city council.

Mr. Warwick offered the following preamble and resolution which was adopted.

WHEREAS, It is represented to this that the hose company on the west side of the canal in this city, known as hose company No. 3, has disbanded and no longer retains its organization. Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the standing committee on the fire department be and they are hereby directed to take possession of all property of said company and deposit the same at the engine house in this city, and that the lease for the building heretofore used by said company be and the same is hereby terminated.

Mrs. Kiesha Barnett (by Messrs. Ulman & Porter, attorneys) presented a claim of \$150—damages on account of regale of Main street, by the L. S. & T. V. R. R. Co. On motion by Mr. Warwick the foregoing claim was referred to the standing committee on claims.

Mr. Warwick offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the standing committee on finance and the chairman of the standing committee on the judiciary be a select committee whose duty it shall be to make a full settlement with the mayor of this city, and that said committee are hereby charged to ascertain the amount of fines, penalties and forfeitures, fees for licenses and all other moneys, by said mayor received to the credit of this city, and not by him accounted for, and that said committee may have power to require the clerk for such assistance as they may need to effect the object of this resolution.

Mr. Gise moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution, and Mr. Folger called for the yeas and nays which resulted as follows—yeas, Messrs. Folger, Gise, Oberlin, Warwick and Willingburg; nays, none.

The street commissioner's reports for the three weeks ending Dec. 21st, was, on motion, referred to the committee on streets and alleys.

The marshal submitted his report of amount of funds by him collected and turned over to the mayor, during the month ending Dec. 31st, to be, on account of fines, \$3. The marshal also submitted his quarterly prison report for the quarter ending Dec. 31st, to be as follows:

Number imprisoned for violation of city ordinances 18

Number imprisoned for violation of state statutes 1

Total 19

Number who paid fines 11

Amount of fines paid \$1700

Number who could not pay cost of subsistence 2

Number of days unpaid subsistence furnished 6 @ 45 cts \$2.70

Myers & Wilson presented a bill of \$53.87 for lumber & sawing, which was referred to the committee on claims.

The following amt's were allowed and orders drawn for the same:

Yost & Bro leather work on engine \$275

I. H. Seaman for subsistence furnished prisoners 2.70

On motion the council adjourned.

An old fisherman of Richmond, Va., sends the following to the Dispatch:

"To all whom it may concern: Found at my door, on the 31st ult., between this country, on the marriage question, we are getting very badly mixed. In fact we are in as bad a state as they are in Scotland, where a great many people don't know whether they are married or not. If some general law on the subject were passed, it would do much to simplify matters, and true hearts would not be liable to find themselves in so perplexing a predicament as that of this pair of Rhode Island lovers."

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Popular Vote for President in 1872.

Grant, Greeley, O'C. B.	1,90,274	7,414	...
Alabama	41,183	37,21	...
Arkansas	54,020	40,118	10,63
California	58,538	45,812	204
Connecticut	41,153	11,02	47
Delaware	17,151	1,54,8	...
Florida	...	7,218	4000
Georgia	18,14	14,637	14,17
Illinois	2,124	181,1,0	3035
Indiana	13,234	11,34	22,1
Iowa	11,198	22,9,0	593
Kansas	8,818	100,2,2	25,4
Kentucky	18,245	66,4,7	...
Louisiana	6,428	29,087	19
Maine	6,60	67,055	...
Massachusetts	133,720	59,290	...
Michigan	18,920	7,0,7	2861
Minnesota	11,198	151,3,8	2429
Mississippi	...	...	...
Missouri	11,198	11,31	...
Montana	...	...	...
Nebraska	...	5,703	...
Nebraska	8,413	6,2,6	...
New Hampshire	37,158	31,125	100
New Jersey	91,611	76,501	630
New York	40,739	387,219	1434
North Carolina	9,430	66,591	2400
Ohio	38,153	24,321	1163
Oregon	11,820	1,0,4	12
Pennsylvania	349,680	211,081	583
Rhode Island	1,633	5,329	...
South Carolina	72,2,0	22,703	187
Tennessee	8,463	9,4,51	...
Texas	47,41	66,591	2400
Vermont	11,487	11,947	503
Virginia	32,83	5,9,87	600
Wisconsin	104,503	88,477	883
Total	3,57,198	2,342,426	3,013,500
Grant's majority over Greeley	...	737,3,2	...
Grant's majority over all	...	70,3,6	...

"Why is it," asked a Frenchman of a Switzer, "that you Swiss always fight for money, while the French only fight for honor?" "I suppose," answered the Swiss, "that each fights for what he most lacks."

Photography as an art has just

reached a new dignity. It has got a

professor's chair, and a Professor to

fill it. The fortunato man is Dr. Vogel,

photographic instructor in the Berlin

Royal Industrial College.

A recent calculation relative to the

principal European languages shows

that English is spoken by ninety mil-

lion of persons. German by fifty-five

millions, and French by forty-five mil-

lion.

The New York Herald says: There

is every prospect of an active spring

trade. We learn from the custom

house that our merchants are import-

ing largely, and that a great amount of

goods has been ordered. The numer-

ous and capacious ocean steamers arrive

heavily freighted with merchandise.

Importers feel security from any

change in the tariff for some time,

and that in addition to the general

prosperity of the country, has been the

cause of these large orders for goods.</p

## LOCAL MATTERS.

We are indebted to the attention of Mr. F. S. Stadden, ticket agent at this place, for the L & T & R. W. latest time table at the station here, which commenced on the 20th inst; Exp. north, 3:15 a.m. Exp. south, 1:50 p.m. Exp. ...., 8:45 a.m. Exp. ...., 6:30 p.m. Exp. ...., 3:00 p.m. Exp. ...., 11:00 p.m. Arrive at Cleveland, ...., 10:05 a.m. & 2:20 p.m. Leave Cleveland, ...., 2:35 p.m. & 6:35 a.m.

The Episcopal dime society will be held at the residence of Mr. Thos. McCullough, on Friday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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A son of John H. Fisher met with a severe accident last Saturday, by which he had both bones of one of his legs broken, and his head slightly injured. He is under the care of Dr. Ridener, and getting along well as could be expected.

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In accordance with the programme laid down to be observed during the week of prayer Bro. Hingeloe preached a highly appropriate and earnest temperance sermon in the Methodist Episcopal church. And he frequently alludes to that subject in his ministrations, as also does Bro. Williams of the Presbyterian church—just as they should do. Perhaps if some of their black-coated brethren were to follow so worthy an example there would be fewer tipping professors.

Mr. A. S. Duley, teacher at the Charity School for the last seven years, has resigned that position, and Joseph Gesenius has been selected as his successor. This institution, founded about half a century ago, has turned out—taken from obscurity, and perhaps often from poverty—not a few useful and successful members of society, and bids fair to continue its usefulness for another half century. At present W. C. Richards, Thos. McCullough, A. C. Wales, and F. L. Baldwin are the trustees.

We are pleased to state that the exhibition in behalf of Hart Post, by the Canton Dramatic association, of Rip Van Winkle, in the Opera House, on Tuesday Evening of last week, proved a success—the receipts being over \$150. Our boys have hosts of warm friends here, as is manifested by the liberal patronage their exhibitions always realize. Now if they could vary the programme and secure the services of some popular lecturer, who will do just part of the work at a reasonable rate, their prestige would pretty certainly make the experiment a success. It might be well worth discussing the idea, and see how the prospects are.

Silk Tiebles in new and elegant designs, cheap, at McLain, Dangler & Co's.

A little snow fell last Sunday, which was augmented Monday night some six or three inches, so that Tuesday morning sleighing was indulged in to a small extent.

A son of John H. Fisher met with a severe accident last Saturday, by which he had both bones of one of his legs broken, and his head slightly injured. He is under the care of Dr. Ridener, and getting along well as could be expected.

The thaw and rain of last week raised the water in the river considerably, so that it was quite full on Sunday. As the town is growing along the banks of the roaring Tuscarawas, would it not be a good idea, especially in the borough, if it can be done reasonably easy, to straighten the channel above the stone bridge? If done properly it would be less liable to overflow, if slight levees were put up where needed.

The idea of numbering the houses is not yet forgotten by many of our citizens, nor weather this time of the year is much like the Indian sail of the white men—very uncertain.

Last Thursday it began to look in some places as if the canal was opening, but such weather this time of the year is much like the Indian sail of the white men—very uncertain.

Miller, the bad man of Canton, who tried to burn houses and murder people because to visit their homes. Although we have not seen them up to this writing we presume that our representatives were home a day or two.

NOTICE—Contributors to the donation for purchasing the land for the Massillon Coal and Iron Co., upon which to erect a rolling mill, will please pay when called up in as all conditions are complied with.

S. A. CONRAD, Sec'y.

Envelopes, letter-heads, bill-heads, blanks, statements, business cards, address cards, circulars, will tickets, bills of fare, &c furnished to order, promptly at the INDEPENDENT office.

For several days reports were current in town that the Tremont house was sold to one of our citizens, but proved idle gossip.

The purchasers of the tin shop, recently owned by Andrew Snyder, will remove to the rooms now occupied by Miss Hover, in the millinery store, the property of Mr. Pille, Main street.

BOOKS—Singular books, written by a singular genius, and telling the reader a great many queer things,—for sale at the merchant tailoring establishment of John Lowe, second floor Opera House, and at this office.

Dr. P. B. Randolph, who was recently at this place, and for some reason failed to make a success of lecturing in this vicinity, left here last week for the west, as we understand, to go to Toledo.

Regular trains commenced running south of this on the new railroad last Monday, and we shall soon give the time table.

The place to get sale bills, programmes, &c printed is at the INDEPENDENT office.

